

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please delete the paragraph beginning at Page 2, line 7 (e.g., 3rd paragraph) which states:

U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 09/320,578 entitled METHOD AND ARTICLE FOR
MANAGING REFERENCES TO EXTERNAL OBJECTS IN A RUNTIME
ENVIRONMENT, filed on May 27, 1999 by Harlan Sexton et al. (docket 50277-293; OID-
1998-034-01);

Please add the following new paragraph after existing paragraph at Page 3, line 4 (e.g.,
after the 1st paragraph on page 3):

The present application is related to the following commonly-assigned co-pending U.S.
Patent Application Serial No. 09/408,847 entitled METHOD AND ARTICLE FOR
MANAGING REFERENCES TO EXTERNAL OBJECTS IN A RUNTIME
ENVIRONMENT, filed on September 30, 1999 by Harlan Sexton et al.